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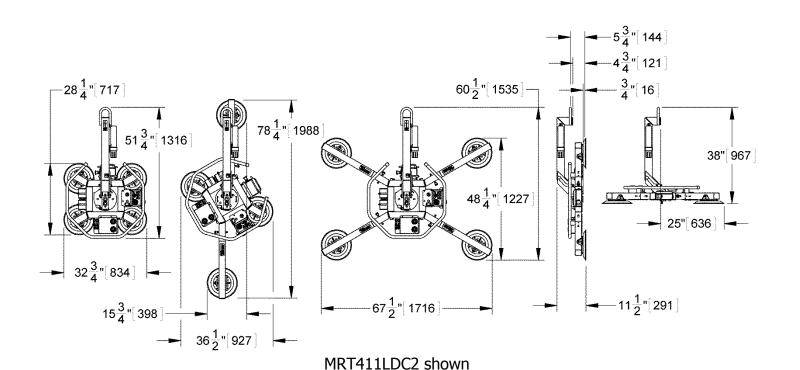
# **OPERATING INSTRUCTIONS**



MODEL NUMBERS: MRT49DC2 MRT4HV11DC2, MRT411LDC2

SERIAL NUMBER:

(please see serial label and record number here)



MANUAL ROTATOR / TILTER

DC-VOLTAGE

WITH DUAL VACUUM SYSTEM

(AVAILABLE WITH REMOTE CONTROL SYSTEM)



READ ALL INSTRUCTIONS AND SAFETY RULES
BEFORE OPERATING THIS LIFTER



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# **SPECIFICATIONS**

Description:	Designed for use with a crane or other hoisting equipment, MRT4-DC2 lifters employ vacuum to hold a load for lifting, and they provide manual 360° rotation and manual 90° tilt movements for load manipulation.				
Model Number:	MRT49DC2	MRT4HV11DC2	MRT411LDC2		
Vacuum Pads: <sup>1</sup> (4 each, standard rubber)	9" [23 cm] nom. diameter, (Model VPFS9)	10" [25 cm] nom. diameter, lipped (Model HV11)	11" [28 cm] nom. diameter, lipped (Model G3370)		
Maximum Pad Spread: Extended Configuration: Basic Configuration: Linear Configuration:	45¼" x 64¾" [1152 x 1643 mm] 25¼" x 30" [642 x 760 mm] 12¾" x 75¼" [323 x 1914 mm]	(to outer edges) 47¼" x 66½" [1201 x 1690 mm] 27¼" x 31¾" [693 x 807 mm] 14½" x 77¼" [369 x 1963 mm]	48¼" x 67½" [1227 x 1716 mm] 28¼" x 32¾" [717 x 834 mm] 15¾" x 78¼" [398 x 1988 mm]		
Maximum Load Capacity: <sup>2</sup> Per-Pad: Overall:	125 lbs [56.5 kg] 500 lbs [225 kg]	150 lbs [68 kg] 600 lbs [270 kg]	175 lbs [80 kg] 700 lbs [320 kg]		
Lifter Weight:	125 lbs [57 kg]				
Power Source:	12 volts DC, 4.5 amps				
Battery Capacity:	7 amp-hours				
Rotation Capability:	Manual, 360°, with automatic le	Manual, 360°, with automatic locking at each ¼ revolution (when desired)			
Tilt Capability:	Manual, 90°, with automatic lo	Manual, 90°, with automatic locking in vertical position			
Options:	Available with Model EO8RC - Remote Control System with 310-320 or 433-434 MHz radio signal, depending on requirements in your geographical location.  See separate instructions about other options.				
Operating	Maximum = 6000 feet [1828 meters]				
Operating Temperatures:	32° to 104° F [0° to 40° C]				
Service Life:	This lifter is designed to have a service life of at least 20,000 lifting cycles, when used and maintained as intended (vacuum pads, filter elements and other wear-out items are excluded).				
ASME Standard BTH-1:	ME Standard BTH-1: Design Category "B", Service Class "0" (see www.wpg.com for more information)				

**!!—CE—!!** Note: This symbol appears in the *INSTRUCTIONS* manual only when requirements of a CE Standard are *different* from requirements of other standards that also apply to this vacuum lifter. CE requirements are mandatory in geographical areas where CE Standards apply, but may be optional in other locations.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Optionally available with alternative rubber compounds for special applications (see REPLACEMENT PARTS LIST).

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>2</sup> The Maximum Load Capacity is rated at 16" Hg [-54 kPa] on clean, smooth, nonporous flat surfaces, with a friction coefficient of 1 (see MAINTENANCE: VACUUM PAD MAINTENANCE: Pad to Load Friction Coefficient). A qualified person should evaluate the effective lifting capacity for the actual application. In addition to the effect of friction between the vacuum pads and load, the lifting capacity may be affected by the following load characteristics: rigidity, strength, surface conditions, overhang, angle, center of gravity and temperature.

## **SAFETY**



The following safety rules must be observed to protect the operator and others from potential dangers.





Wear personal protective equipment that is appropriate for the material being handled. Follow trade association guidelines.



Operate the lifter under conditions approved for its design (see INTENDED USE: OPERATING ENVIRONMENT).



Do not operate a lifter that is damaged, malfunctioning, or missing parts.



Do not operate a lifter if the sealing edge of any vacuum pad is cut or otherwise damaged.



Do not remove or obscure safety labels.



Do not operate a lifter if the Maximum Load Capacity or any safety label appears to be missing or obscured.





Make certain the contact surfaces of the load and all vacuum pads are clean prior to applying the pads (see MAINTENANCE: VACUUM PAD MAINTENANCE).



Do not exceed the Maximum Load Capacity or attempt to lift loads the lifter is not designed for (see INTENDED USE: LOAD CHARACTERISTICS).





Do not attempt to lift cracked or broken glass with this lifter.



Position the vacuum pads correctly on the load prior to lifting (see OPERATION: To APPLY THE PADS TO A LOAD).



Do not lift a load when any vacuum indicator shows inadequate vacuum.



Do not touch the vacuum release controls during a lift. This may result in loss of vacuum and release of the load.



Do not allow people to ride on the lifter or the load being lifted.



Do not lift a load higher than necessary or leave suspended loads unattended.



Do not lift a load over people.



Keep other personnel far enough away from the lifter to avoid injury in the event of an unexpected load release.



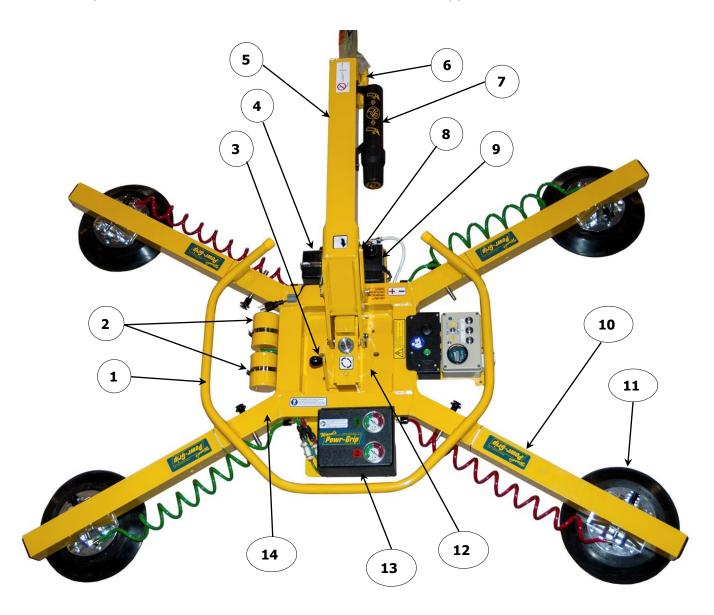
Place the power control in the inactive position and, when possible, disconnect the power source before opening any enclosure on the lifter. (Only applicable to powered lifters)



Do not make any modifications to the lifter (see LIMITED WARRANTY).

# **OPERATING FEATURES**

Note: Components shown here are <u>underlined</u> on their first appearance in each section to follow.



- 1 CONTROL HANDLE
- 2 VACUUM RESERVE TANKS
- 3 ROTATION RELEASE LEVER
- 4 BATTERY CHARGER
- 5 LIFT BAR
- 6 LIFT BAIL
- 7 INSTRUCTIONS CANISTER

- 8 TILT RELEASE LEVER
- 9 BATTERY
- 10 EXTENSION ARM
- 11 VACUUM PAD with MOVABLE PAD MOUNT
- 12 ROTATION WEAR PLATE
- 13 Enclosure with VACUUM PUMP and VACUUM SWITCHES
- 14 PAD FRAME



- 13 AIR FILTERS
- 14 VACUUM GAUGES
- 15 POWER LOSS WARNING BATTERY
- 16 VACUUM LIFT LIGHT
- 17 LOW VACUUM/POWER LOSS WARNING BUZZER
- 18 POWER INDICATOR LIGHT (BLUE)
- 19 POWER SWITCH
- 20 RELEASE BUTTON
- 21 APPLY BUTTON
- 22 ENABLE BUTTON
- 23 BATTERY TEST BUTTON
- 24 BATTERY GAUGE

# **ASSEMBLY**

- 1) Open the shipping container and remove all devices for restraining or protecting the vacuum lifter. Save the container and devices for use whenever the lifter is transported.
- 2) Suspend the lifter from a crane as follows: Select hoisting equipment (crane and hoist, when applicable) rated to carry the lifter's Maximum Load Capacity plus the Lifter Weight (see SPECIFICATIONS).

Note: Any application of the lifter must conform to all statutory or regulatory standards that relate to the hoisting equipment when used in its geographical location.

Disengage the tilt latch and raise the lift bar as shown.



Then attach the hoisting equipment hook to the <u>lift bail</u> as shown.





Make sure hoisting equipment hook is fitted with restraining latch to prevent lift bail from slipping off under any circumstances.

Note: Make sure the hook does not interfere with the load, using a sling or other rigging as necessary.



# Only use slings rated to carry Maximum Load Capacity plus Lifter Weight.



Use the hoisting equipment to raise the lifter out of the shipping container. Be careful to avoid damaging any <u>vacuum pads</u>. Remove the pad covers as shown, and save them for use whenever the lifter is stored.



- 3) Configure the <u>pad frame</u> to provide optimal support of the load while lifting (see To Change the Pad Frame Configuration to follow).
- 4) Make sure the <u>vacuum pads</u> are clean (see MAINTENANCE: Vacuum Pad Maintenance: Pad Cleaning).

5) Connect the electrical connectors as shown.

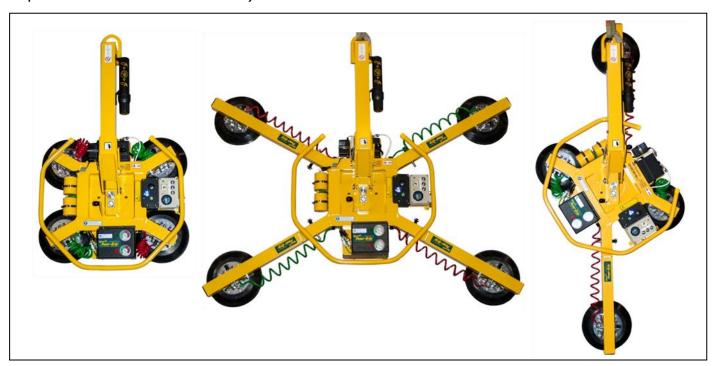


Install the <u>power loss warning battery</u> supplied as directed under MAINTENANCE: Power Loss Warning Buzzer Test.

6) Before you put the lifter into service, perform Operational and Load Tests (see MAINTENANCE: Testing Schedule).

## TO CHANGE THE PAD FRAME CONFIGURATION

Three <u>pad frame</u> configurations accommodate different load dimensions (see SPECIFICATIONS: Maximum Pad Spread). Configurations are created by installing or removing the <u>extension arms</u> and by repositioning the <u>movable pad mounts</u> (see To Install/Remove Extension Arms and Reposition Vacuum Pads to follow):



- 1) Select a configuration to provide optimal support across the load surface and to minimize load overhang.
- 2) Assemble the <u>pad frame</u> in a symmetrical configuration, to keep the lifter balanced.
- Make sure all vacuum hoses are positioned to avoid damage during lifter operation.
- 3) Make sure all vacuum hoses are secure and routed to avoid being pinched, snagged, abraded or otherwise damaged during lifter operation.

### **To Install/Remove Extension Arms and Reposition Vacuum Pads**

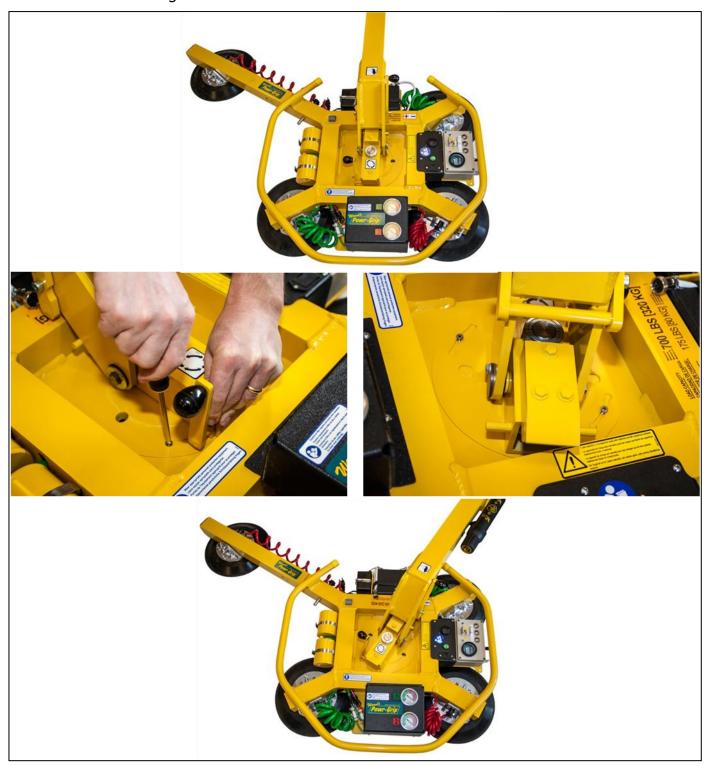


- 1) Remove the cotterless hitch pin that secures the <u>movable pad mount</u> to the <u>pad frame</u>.
- 2) Remove the <u>vacuum pad</u> from the pad frame.
- 3) Insert the <u>extension arm</u> into the pad frame.
- 4) Use a cotterless hitch pin to secure the extension arm.
- 5) Position the pad mount on the extension arm.
- 6) Use a cotterless hitch pin to secure the pad mount.

Note: Repeat or reverse these steps to configure the pad frame as needed.

#### **To Use Secondary Rotation Stops**

A second set of rotation stops allows the <u>lift bar</u> to remain perpendicular to the <u>pad frame</u> when used in the linear configuration:



- 1) Loosen the 2 screws that secure the <u>rotation wear plate</u>, as shown.
- 2) Rotate the wear plate 30° to align with the secondary rotation stops.
- 3) Tighten the screws securely. Note: Reverse these steps to realign the primary rotation stops for use with the other pad frame configurations.

# **INTENDED USE**

## **LOAD CHARACTERISTICS**



This lifter is NOT intended for lifting hazardous materials, such as explosives or radioactive substances.

The operator must verify that the lifter is intended to handle each load, in accordance with the following requirements:

- The load weight must not exceed the Maximum Load Capacity (see SPECIFICATIONS).
- The load must be a single piece of nonporous or semiporous material with a flat and relatively smooth contact surface.<sup>3</sup> To determine whether the load is too porous or rough, perform the test under Vacuum Level on Other Surfaces (see OPERATION: To APPLY THE PADS TO A LOAD).
- The load's contact surface must be suitable for obtaining a friction coefficient of 1 with the lifter's <u>vacuum pads</u> (see MAINTENANCE: VACUUM PAD MAINTENANCE: Pad to Load Friction Coefficient).
- In order to avoid damaging the vacuum pads, the load's surface temperature must not exceed the Operating Temperatures (see SPECIFICATIONS).<sup>4</sup>



- The load's *minimum* length and width are determined by the Pad Spread (see SPECIFICATIONS).
- The load's maximum length and width are determined by the allowable overhang, or the amount of load material that can extend sideways beyond the vacuum pads without breaking or otherwise being damaged.<sup>5</sup>
- 1" [2.5 cm] is the maximum allowable thickness of loads at the Maximum Load Capacity (see SPECIFICATIONS).<sup>6</sup>



Note: Standard vacuum pads can stain or deform load surfaces with light colors or soft coatings. Test such surfaces for detrimental effects before using the lifter on them. Alternative rubber compounds are available for these applications; contact Wood's Powr-Grip or an authorized dealer for more information.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>3</sup> Lifters that feature concave vacuum pads can also attach to some kinds of curved loads. Since curvature affects the lifting capacity, contact Wood's Powr-Grip for help in determining the effective lifting capacity for a particular curved load.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>4</sup> If such an application cannot be avoided, Wood's Powr-Grip does offer a heat-resistant rubber compound and other solutions which may enable you to lift loads with higher surface temperatures. Contact Wood's Powr-Grip or an authorized dealer for more information.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> The allowable overhang depends on the kind of load material being lifted, the thickness of the material, and the angle at which it is handled (if any). Since materials such as glass, stone or sheet metal each have different physical properties, the allowable overhang must be evaluated separately for each type of load. If necessary, contact Wood's Powr-Grip or an authorized dealer for help in determining the recommended overhang in a specific situation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>6</sup> Note that allowable thickness increases as load weight decreases. If necessary, contact Wood's Powr-Grip for help in determining the maximum thickness permitted when handling any specific load.

#### **OPERATING ENVIRONMENT**

The operator must determine whether the lifter is intended to be used in each work environment, in accordance with the following restrictions:



#### Never use lifter in dangerous environments.

- This lifter is not intended for use in any environment that is inherently dangerous to the operator or likely to compromise the lifter's ability to function. Environments containing explosives, caustic chemicals and other dangerous substances must be avoided.
- The lifter's work environment is limited by the Operating Elevation and Operating Temperatures indicated in SPECIFICATIONS.





• The lifter's work environment must be free of metal particles or any other contaminates that could cause a <u>vacuum pump</u> failure. Such contaminates could result in a load release and possible injury to the operator or others nearby.



#### Environmental contaminates could result in vacuum pump failure.

Using the lifter in wet environments may require the operator to take special precautions:
 Moisture on contact surfaces of the load or <u>vacuum pads</u> diminishes the lifter's slip resistance,
 thereby reducing the lifting capacity (see MAINTENANCE: VACUUM PAD MAINTENANCE: Pad to Load
 Friction Coefficient).



#### Moisture reduces slip resistance of vacuum pads.

The lifter is not designed to be water-tight. Submerging the lifter or using it in rain may damage lifter components; these and similar conditions must be avoided.

## **DISPOSAL OF THE LIFTER**

After the vacuum lifter has reached the end of its Service Life (see SPECIFICATIONS), dispose of it in compliance with all local codes and relevant regulatory standards.

Note: This lifter is equipped with a battery, which may be subject to special disposal regulations.

# **OPERATION**

## **BEFORE USING THE LIFTER**

The operator must determine whether the lifter is capable of performing each intended task (see SPECIFICATIONS and INTENDED USE). In addition, all of the following preparations must be completed prior to lifting any load.

### **Taking Safety Precautions**



Read all directions and safety rules before using lifter.

• Be trained in all relevant industry and regulatory standards required to operate the lifter in your location.



Always wear appropriate personal protective equipment.

- Take any personal precautions required to handle the load safely.
- Consult appropriate trade association guidelines to determine what precautions are necessary for each type of load material.

#### **Performing Inspections and Tests**



Always check <u>battery</u> energy (as shown) before using lifter. (See MAINTENANCE: BATTERY TEST)

- Perform all inspections and tests required by the INSPECTION and TESTING SCHEDULES (see MAINTENANCE).
- Always conduct a VACUUM TEST before placing a lifter in service (see MAINTENANCE).



• Caution: Examine each air filter regularly, and empty when necessary.

Two <u>air filters</u> help protect the vacuum generating system from contaminants (see MAINTENANCE FEATURES) but would not necessarily prevent liquid from entering the vacuum system. Examine each filter regularly, to determine whether service is needed (see IN-LINE AIR FILTER SERVICE in *SERVICE MANUAL* for details).



## Make sure alarm is clearly audible over ambient noise at operator position.

A <u>low vacuum/power loss warning buzzer</u> sounds an audible alarm in the case of these potentially dangerous situations. Rotate the shutter as shown to adjust the alarm volume. Make sure the alarm can be heard over ambient noise in the work area. The alarm must be clearly audible at the maximum distance between the operator and the lifter, despite any intervening barriers or obstructions.

In order to be considered clearly audible, *the alarm volume must exceed ambient noise by at least 15 dBA at the operator position.*<sup>7</sup> Since the Maximum Alarm Volume is 103 dBA at 2 ft [60 cm], ambient noise must not exceed 88 dBA under any circumstances.<sup>8</sup>



 $<sup>^{7}</sup>$  Consult CE Standard EN 457 for alternative ways to determine whether the alarm is clearly audible to operators.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>8</sup> Furthermore, if ambient noise measures 88 dBA, the alarm volume must be set to maximum and the operator must remain within 2 ft [60 cm] of the warning buzzer, in order for it to be effective.

### **Preparing to Use the Optional Remote Control System**



The optional Remote Control System features a <u>radio</u> <u>receiver</u>, a <u>radio transmitter</u> and a <u>strobe light</u>, as shown.

If the lifter is equipped with this option, the operator can engage the lifter's apply and release functions at distances up to 250 ft [76 m], provided there is a direct and clear view of the lifter and its status indicators (see MAINTENANCE: REMOTE CONTROL SYSTEM TEST).

Whenever you are lifting a load from a remote location, follow these safety rules:

- Visually verify the status of the lifter and load prior to remote operations.
- Do not operate the lifter remotely unless there is clear communication about intended actions (eg, releasing load) with all personnel near the lift.



# Make sure nearby personnel are aware of intended remote control actions.

- Monitor the lifter at all times to make sure that it is functioning as intended.<sup>9</sup>
- Be sure that the load is landed and supported correctly before releasing it (see To Release the Pads from the Load to follow).

Note: To prevent any radio transmission, press the <u>emergency</u> <u>transmitter disconnect</u> button on the radio transmitter. To reset the emergency disconnect, twist the button clockwise and allow it to spring outward to its normal position.

- 1 EMERGENCY TRANSMITTER DISCONNECT
- 2 TRANSMISSION INDICATOR LIGHT
- 3 RELEASE BUTTON
- 4 TRANSMITTER POWER/ENABLE BUTTON
- 5 APPLY BUTTON





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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>9</sup> The Remote Control System is designed with safeguards to prevent multiple lifters from responding until a clear transmission is received. Nevertheless, radio controlled lifters should be tested to ensure that each transmitter controls only one lifter. The buttons located on the lifter always function, regardless of any radio transmissions in the vicinity.

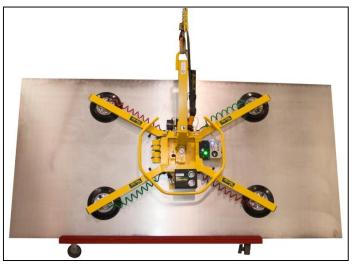
### TO APPLY THE PADS TO A LOAD

#### Positioning the Lifter on the Load

1) Make sure that the contact surfaces of the load and all <u>vacuum pads</u> are clean (see MAINTENANCE: VACUUM PAD MAINTENANCE).



2) Center the lifter's <u>pad frame</u> on the load as shown, to avoid unexpected rotation or tilt (see To Rotate the Load Edgewise or To Tilt the Load to follow).<sup>10</sup>





- 3) Make sure that all <u>vacuum pads</u> will fit on the load (see SPECIFICATIONS: Maximum Pad Spread) and that the pads will be loaded evenly (see SPECIFICATIONS: Per-Pad Load Capacity).
- 4) Apply the lifter to the load so that all vacuum pads are touching the contact surface.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>10</sup> The lifter is designed to handle the maximum load weight (see SPECIFICATIONS: Maximum Load Capacity) when the load's center of gravity is positioned within 2" [5 cm] of the lifter's rotation axis. Occasional loading deviations are permissible, provided that the operator can maintain control of the load at all times and that the load weight is low enough to avoid damaging the lifter.

#### **Powering up the Lifter**

Place the lifter's power switch in the ON ( | | ) position, as shown (power indicator light turns on). 11



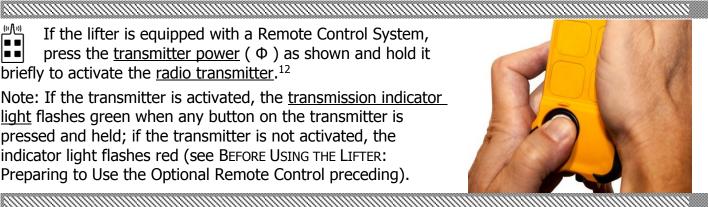
### Never turn power off while lifting.

Keep the power switch in the ON position while lifting a load. Any power interruption could result in a load release and possible injury to the operator or others (see To LIFT AND MOVE THE LOAD: In Case of Power Failure to follow).



If the lifter is equipped with a Remote Control System, press the transmitter power ( $\Phi$ ) as shown and hold it briefly to activate the radio transmitter. 12

Note: If the transmitter is activated, the transmission indicator light flashes green when any button on the transmitter is pressed and held; if the transmitter is not activated, the indicator light flashes red (see Before Using the Lifter: Preparing to Use the Optional Remote Control preceding).



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>11</sup> When the operator powers up the lifter, either the stand-by function or the apply function is automatically activated, depending on which was used last.

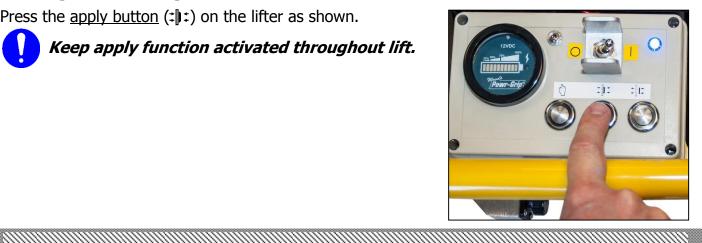
<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>12</sup> The radio transmitter turns off automatically, after a period of inactivity. The operator can also operate the lifter without using the radio transmitter, if desired.

#### Sealing the Pads against the Load

Press the <u>apply button</u> (:) on the lifter as shown.

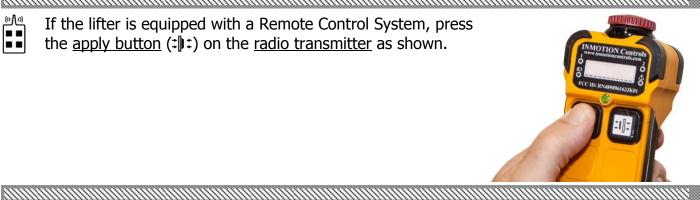


Keep apply function activated throughout lift.





If the lifter is equipped with a Remote Control System, press the apply button (:)) on the radio transmitter as shown.



The vacuum pump will immediately begin to draw air through the vacuum pads, and the low vacuum warning buzzer will sound an alarm until the lifter attains sufficient vacuum to lift the maximum load weight (see To Lift and Move the Load: Interpreting the Warning Buzzer and Lift Light to follow). Firm pressure on the lifter helps the pads to seal against the load. 13

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Although a vacuum pad may become distorted during shipping or storage, this condition should correct itself with continued

#### **Reading the Vacuum Gauges**

Two <u>vacuum gauges</u> display the current vacuum level in positive inches of Hg and negative kPa for the 2 circuits of the lifter's vacuum system. A gauge's *green* range indicates vacuum levels sufficient for lifting the maximum load weight (see figure B1), whereas the *red* range indicates vacuum levels that are *not* sufficient for lifting the maximum load weight (see figure B2). If it takes more than 5 seconds for the vacuum level to reach 5" Hg [-17 kPa] on either vacuum gauge, press on any <u>vacuum pad</u> that has not yet sealed.





#### **Vacuum Level on Optimal Surfaces**

When the lifter is attached to clean, smooth, nonporous load surfaces, it should be able to maintain a vacuum level in the green range on each <u>vacuum gauge</u>, except when used at high elevations (see SPECIFICATIONS: Operating Elevation). If not, make sure the corresponding <u>vacuum switch</u> is adjusted correctly (see DIGITAL VACUUM SWITCH ADJUSTMENT in <u>SERVICE MANUAL</u> for details). If the vacuum switch cannot be adjusted to maintain a vacuum of 16" Hg [-54 kPa], perform the VACUUM TEST (see MAINTENANCE) to determine whether there is a deficiency in the vacuum generating system.

#### **Vacuum Level on Other Surfaces**

When the lifter is attached to contaminated, rough or porous load surfaces, it may not be able to maintain a vacuum level in the green range on each <u>vacuum gauge</u>, due to leakage in the seal between the <u>vacuum pads</u> and the load surface.<sup>14</sup> In the case of contamination, thoroughly clean the contact surfaces of the load and the vacuum pads (see MAINTENANCE: VACUUM PAD MAINTENANCE: Pad Cleaning), and reapply the lifter to the load. If the load has rough or porous surfaces, *the operator must conduct a load suitability test*, as follows:

- 1) Make sure the lifter's vacuum generating system is functioning correctly (see MAINTENANCE: VACUUM TEST).
- 2) Apply the vacuum pads to the load as previously directed.
- 3) After the <u>vacuum pump</u> stops running, place the lifter's <u>power switch</u> in the OFF ( position.
- 4) Raise the load a minimal distance, to assure that it is supported by the lifter.
- 5) Monitor each vacuum gauge while the load is suspended for 5 minutes: *The lifter must maintain a minimum vacuum level of 10" Hg [-34 kPa] during this time.* If not, the load does not possess the characteristics required for using this lifter.<sup>15</sup>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>14</sup> Contaminated loads can also cause the vacuum pump to run frequently or continuously. The operator should clean the load when possible, to prevent excessive use of battery energy.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>15</sup> Certain load materials are too rough or porous to allow the lifter to form a seal which can be maintained for 5 minutes without power. However, in geographical locations where CE Standards do not apply, it may be possible to use the lifter to lift such loads. Contact Wood's Powr-Grip for more information.

## TO LIFT AND MOVE THE LOAD



Lift bar must be oriented vertically to lift load (see To TILT).

## **Interpreting the Warning Buzzer and Lift Light**

A lifter's Maximum Load Capacity is rated at a vacuum level of 16" Hg [-54 kPa] (see SPECIFICATIONS). After the lifter has attained this level, the low vacuum warning buzzer turns off and the green vacuum lift light turns on automatically, to signal that the lifter is ready to lift the maximum load weight. As vacuum continues to increase, the vacuum pump also turns off, to conserve battery energy.



Never attempt to lift load while warning buzzer is sounding alarm.



Never attempt to lift load unless green lift light is illuminated.

If you attempt to lift the load while the alarm is sounding or before the lift light is illuminated, this could result in a load release and possible injury.



## **Monitoring Vacuum Indicators**

The <u>vacuum lift light</u> and both <u>vacuum gauges</u> must remain completely visible to the operator throughout the entire lift.



#### Keep vacuum indicators visible throughout entire lift.

If the vacuum system experiences leakage while the lifter is attached to the load, the <u>vacuum</u> <u>pump</u> turns on and off automatically, as required to maintain sufficient vacuum. Normally, such intermittent cycling of the pump is no cause for alarm.

However, if vacuum decreases significantly, the lift light turns *off* and the <u>low vacuum warning buzzer</u> turns *on*, to warn the operator. If this occurs while you are lifting a load, move away and stay clear of the load until it can be lowered to the ground or a stable support.





#### Stay clear of any suspended load while indicators warn of low vacuum.

Discontinue lifter use until the cause of the vacuum loss can be determined. If the pump runs at intervals of ten minutes or less while the lifter is attached to clean, smooth, nonporous materials, the leakage is likely to be in the vacuum system. In this event, perform the Vacuum Test (see MAINTENANCE) and inspect the <u>vacuum pads</u> for damage (see MAINTENANCE: Vacuum Pad Maintenance: Pad Inspection). If the vacuum loss cannot be remedied immediately, perform inspection and maintenance as needed to identify and correct any deficiency before resuming normal operation of the lifter.

### **Controlling the Lifter and Load**

When the vacuum indicators show that the lifter is ready, use the hoisting equipment to raise the lifter and load as needed to clear any obstacles in their path. Use the <u>control handle</u> to keep the lifter and load in the desired orientation while they are suspended from the crane, as shown. Once sufficient clearance is established, the load can be rotated or tilted as desired (see To ROTATE THE LOAD EDGEWISE or TO TILT THE LOAD to follow).



#### In Case of Power Failure

In the case of a power failure (ie, in <u>battery</u>), 2 <u>vacuum reserve tanks</u> are designed to maintain vacuum temporarily and a <u>power loss warning buzzer</u> will sound an alarm to alert the operator of potential danger.



#### Stay clear of any suspended load in the event of a power failure.

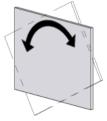
Although the lifter is designed to support the load for at least 5 minutes without power, this depends on many factors (see INTENDED USE: LOAD CHARACTERISTICS and MAINTENANCE: VACUUM PAD MAINTENANCE, VACUUM TEST). If a power failure occurs, keep all personnel clear of the suspended load until it can safely be placed on the ground or a stable support. Correct any deficiency before resuming normal operation of the lifter.

## TO ROTATE THE LOAD EDGEWISE



#### Never disengage both the rotation latch and the tilt latch at the same time.

This lifter is not designed for rotation and tilt functions to be used at the same time. Disengaging the rotation and tilt latches simultaneously could cause uncontrolled and unpredictable load movement, potentially resulting in load damage or injury to the operator.





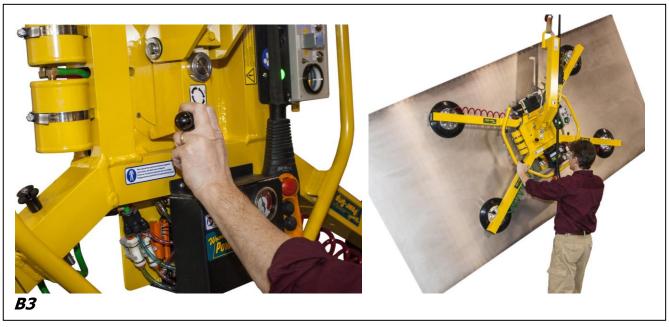
#### Make sure load is positioned correctly on lifter (see To APPLY).

- Make sure there is sufficient clearance for the load to rotate without contacting the operator or any nearby objects.
- 2) Maintain a firm grip on the <u>control handle</u> to keep the load under control at all times (see figure B3).



#### Unbalanced loads may rotate unexpectedly when latch is disengaged.

3) Pull the <u>rotation release lever</u> to disengage the rotation latch, and rotate the load to the desired position as shown.



4) To stop the load's motion automatically at each quarter turn, simply let go of the <u>rotation</u> <u>release lever</u> so that the rotation latch engages at the next stop.

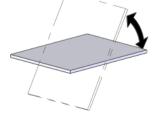
Note: Whenever rotation is not required, keep the rotation latch engaged, to prevent load damage or injury.

## TO TILT THE LOAD



#### Never disengage both the rotation latch and the tilt latch at the same time.

This lifter is not designed for rotation and tilt functions to be used at the same time. Disengaging the rotation and tilt latches simultaneously could cause uncontrolled and unpredictable load movement, potentially resulting in load damage or injury.





# Make sure load is positioned correctly on lifter (see To APPLY).

- 1) Make sure there is sufficient clearance for the load to tilt without contacting the operator or any nearby objects.
- 2) Maintain a firm grip on the <u>control handle</u> to keep the load under control at all times (see figure B4).



#### Unbalanced loads may tilt unexpectedly when latch is disengaged.

3) If the <u>pad frame</u> is latched in the vertical position, pull the <u>tilt release lever</u> to disengage the tilt latch as shown.



4) If load size permits, maintain control with the control handle throughout the tilt. For loads with overhang, it may be necessary to release the handle as the load approaches the flat position. If so, keep the load under control using hand cups or other appropriate means, as shown.



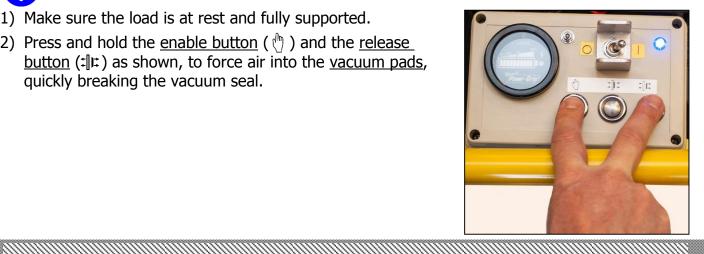
Note: The <u>pad frame</u> automatically latches in place when it returns to the vertical position.

#### TO RELEASE THE PADS FROM THE LOAD



#### Make sure load is fully supported before releasing vacuum pads.

- 1) Make sure the load is at rest and fully supported.
- 2) Press and hold the enable button ( ) and the release button (: 1) as shown, to force air into the vacuum pads, quickly breaking the vacuum seal.



(u**/**0) If the lifter is equipped with a Remote Control System, press and hold the enable button ( \( \frac{1}{2} \)) and the release button (:||12) on the radio transmitter as shown, to force air into the <u>vacuum pads</u>, quickly breaking the vacuum seal.<sup>16</sup>

Note: The strobe light flashes as long as the operator is pressing the enable or release buttons. This shows the operator when



signals are being transmitted successfully from a remote location and also warns other personnel that the operator is preparing to release the load.



3) Continue to hold both the enable and release buttons until the vacuum pads disengage completely from the load.



#### Do not attempt to move lifter until vacuum pads disengage completely from load.

Attempting to move the lifter before the vacuum pads are completely disengaged could result in load damage or injury.

After the load is successfully released, the lifter automatically activates the stand-by mode to conserve battery energy (only blue power indicator light remains illuminated).

4) Prior to lifting another load, perform the Every-Lift Inspection (see MAINTENANCE: INSPECTION SCHEDULE).

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The radio transmitter must be activated before the enable function can be used (see To APPLY THE PADS TO A LOAD: Powering Up the Lifter).

### **AFTER USING THE LIFTER**

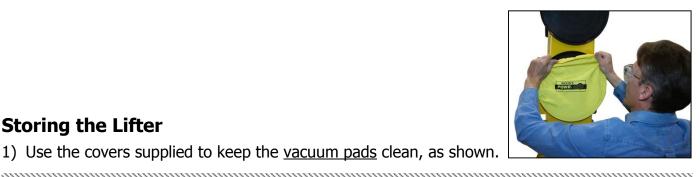
Place the <u>power switch</u> in the OFF ( ) position, as shown (power indicator light turns off).

Caution: Do not set lifter against any surfaces which could soil or damage vacuum pads.



Use the hoisting equipment to gently lower the lifter onto a stable support; then detach the hoisting equipment hook from the lift bail.

If the lifter is transported to another location, use the original shipping container and secure the lifter so as to protect the vacuum pads and all other components from damage.



## **Storing the Lifter**

1) Use the covers supplied to keep the <u>vacuum pads</u> clean, as shown.

**!!-CE-!!** The lifter is designed to rest on relatively horizontal surfaces without tipping over. To store the lifter in this way, set the lifter with the pads facing downward on a clean, smooth, flat surface. Then lower the lift bar to a horizontal orientation and place a support under the lift bail.

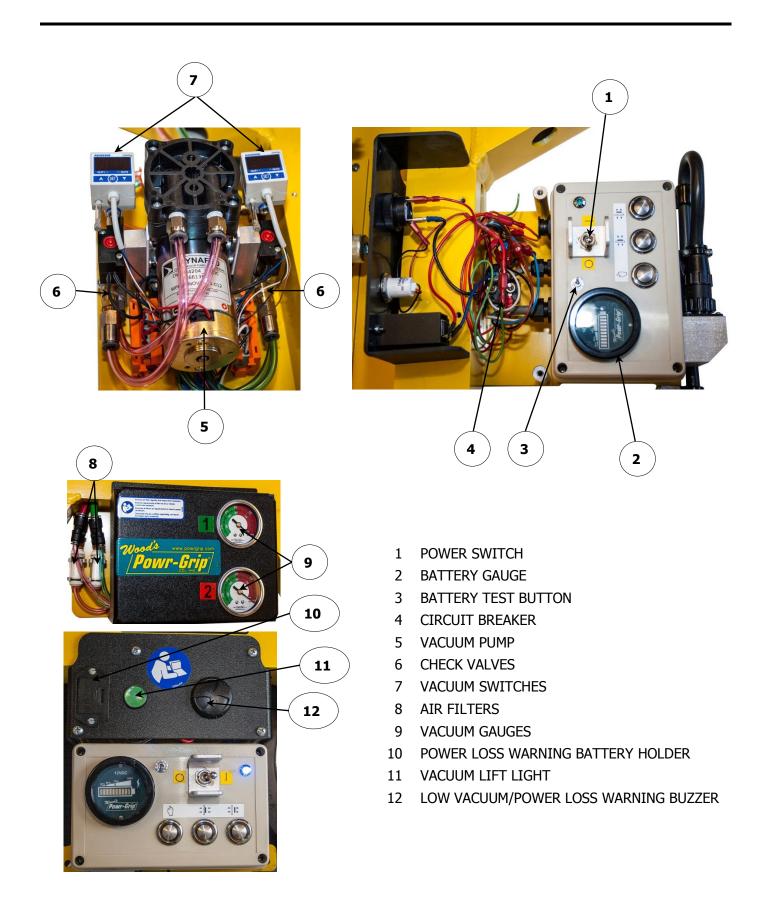
2) Charge the battery completely when placing it in storage and at six-month intervals thereafter (see MAINTENANCE: BATTERY RECHARGE).

- 3) Disconnect the electrical connectors as shown, in order to minimize battery drainage.
- 4) Store the battery at temperatures between 32° and 70° Fahrenheit [between 0° and 21° Celsius].

Note: Storage at temperatures above 100° Fahrenheit [38° Celsius] should be avoided.



# **MAINTENANCE FEATURES**



# **MAINTENANCE**



Make sure <u>battery</u> is disconnected before servicing lifter.

Note: Refer to **SERVICE MANUAL #36100** when applicable.

## **INSPECTION SCHEDULE**

Perform inspections routinely, according to the following frequency schedule. If any deficiency is detected, correct it before using the lifter (see *SERVICE MANUAL* when necessary) and perform the next most frequent inspection.

Action	<b>Every Lift</b>	Frequent <sup>17</sup> (20-40 hours)	<b>Periodic</b> <sup>18</sup> (250-400 hours)
Examine the <u>vacuum pads</u> for contamination or debris, and clean them as necessary (see VACUUM PAD MAINTENANCE: Pad Cleaning).	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>*</b>
Examine the vacuum pads for visual damage.	✓	✓	✓
Examine the load surface for contamination or debris, and clean it as necessary.	✓	✓	✓
Examine the controls and indicators for visual damage.	✓	<b>✓</b>	<b>✓</b>
Test the <u>battery</u> for adequate charge. If necessary, charge and retest the battery (see BATTERY RECHARGE).	<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>	<b>*</b>
Examine the lifter's structure for visual damage.		✓	✓
Examine the vacuum system (including <u>vacuum</u> <u>pads</u> , fittings and hoses) for visual damage.		✓	✓
Examine the <u>air filters</u> for conditions requiring service.		✓	<b>√</b>
Perform the VACUUM TEST.		✓	✓
Check for unusual vibrations or noises while operating the lifter.		<b>~</b>	<b>√</b>
If the lifter is equipped with a Remote Control System, perform the REMOTE CONTROL SYSTEM TEST.		<b>√</b>	<b>✓</b>

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>17</sup> The Frequent Inspection is also required whenever the lifter is out of service for 1 month or more.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>18</sup> The Periodic Inspection is also required whenever the lifter is out of service for 1 year or more. If necessary, return the lifter to Wood's Powr-Grip or an authorized dealer for repair (see LIMITED WARRANTY).

Action	<b>Every Lift</b>	Frequent	Periodic
Examine the entire lifter for external evidence of looseness, excessive wear, deformation, cracks, excessive corrosion, dents to structural or functional components, cuts, or any deficiency which might constitute a hazard.			<b>✓</b>
Inspect all parts of the electrical system for damage, wear or contamination that could constitute a hazard, in compliance with all local codes and regulatory standards that are relevant for the geographical region.			<b>✓</b>
Caution: Be sure to use appropriate cleaning methods for each type of electrical component, as specified by codes and standards. Improper cleaning can damage components.			
Keep a written record of all Periodic Inspections.			✓

Note: See following sections (VACUUM PAD MAINTENANCE, BATTERY TEST, VACUUM TEST) for details about these inspections.

## **Infrequent Use**

If a lifter is used less than 1 day in a 2-week period, perform the Periodic Inspection *each time* before using the lifter.

## **TESTING SCHEDULE**

Perform these tests when placing the lifter in service *initially* and *each time following a repair*. Correct any deficiency and retest before using the lifter.

Note: See following sections (BATTERY TEST, VACUUM TEST, etc.) for details about these tests.

## **Operational Tests**

- Perform the Vacuum Test to follow.
- Test all features and functions of the lifter (see OPERATING FEATURES, OPERATION and MAINTENANCE).

#### **Load Test**

Prove that the lifter can lift 100% of its Maximum Load Capacity (see SPECIFICATIONS), using an actual load or an equivalent simulation. Employ the following method to test with an actual load:

- 1) Place a test load with appropriate LOAD CHARACTERISTICS (see INTENDED USE) on a stable support. Make sure the load is oriented in the upright position.<sup>20</sup>
- 2) Apply the vacuum pads to the load as previously directed.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>19</sup> ASME Standard B30.20 requires the lifter to be tested to 125% of its Maximum Load Capacity.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>20</sup> Flat Lifters are exempt from this requirement.

- 3) After the <u>vacuum pump</u> stops running, place the lifter's <u>power switch</u> in the OFF ( position.
- 4) Raise the load a minimal distance, to assure that it is supported by the lifter.
- 5) Hold the load for 5 minutes. The load must not slip or fall during this time period. If it does, conduct a VACUUM TEST and inspect each <u>vacuum pad</u> as indicated under VACUUM PAD MAINTENANCE: Pad Inspection (see sections to follow). Correct any deficiency that is found and retest the lifter.

## **BATTERY TEST**

A <u>battery gauge</u> enables you to evaluate whether the <u>battery</u> has adequate energy for lifting. Check the battery energy before every lift and also at the end of each day's use, to decide whether a charge is needed (see BATTERY RECHARGE to follow).<sup>21</sup>



Never use lifter if battery energy is lower than 50% of capacity (only red lights illuminated).

While the lifter's <u>power switch</u> is in the ON ( ) position, the battery gauge automatically monitors battery energy (provided that the lifter is not in stand-by mode). While the lifter's power switch is in the OFF ( ) position (or the lifter is in stand-by mode), the battery energy can be checked manually using the <u>battery test button</u>. <sup>23</sup>

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Note: If the battery loses power, the <u>power loss warning buzzer</u> will sound an alarm (see Power Loss Warning Buzzer Test to follow).

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>21</sup> The battery charger must be disconnected from its AC power source in order to test the battery energy; otherwise, the energy reading on the battery gauge would not be accurate.

However, the battery gauge shuts off temporarily while the vacuum pump is running, to prevent an inaccurate reading. When the pumping cycle is completed, the battery gauge requires a few moments to stabilize before it displays an accurate energy reading again.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>23</sup> If the lifter has not been used since the battery was charged, the battery gauge may falsely indicate an energy level that is higher than actual, due to a "surface charge" on the battery. After the pump runs for approximately one minute, the surface charge dissipates, allowing the operator to take an accurate energy reading.

## **BATTERY RECHARGE**

Charge the <u>battery</u> whenever the <u>battery gauge</u> indicates diminished energy (see BATTERY TEST preceding). *Caution: Make sure the lifter's <u>power switch</u> is in the OFF* ( ) *position.* 

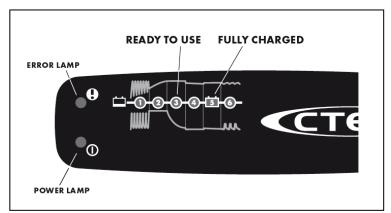
Identify the input voltage marked on the battery charger, and plug it in to an appropriate power source.<sup>24</sup> Use a ground fault circuit interrupter to reduce the risk of electrical shocks.



## Make sure power source is equipped with ground fault circuit interrupter.

The power lamp ( $\Phi$ ) turns on, to indicate that the charger is functioning. To determine charging status, consult the six-stage display on the charger. The battery is ready for use at stage 3 and fully charged at stage 5.

Normally, the battery should take no more than 8 hours to charge completely.<sup>25</sup> If not, check for the following conditions and correct any deficiencies as directed:



- Power lamp (Φ) flashes: Charger is not connected to battery; reconnect charger (see ASSEMBLY).
- Error lamp (!) turns on: Battery leads connected to the wrong poles; reverse battery leads.
- Error lamp (!) turns on and charging stops at stage 1 or stage 4: Battery is no longer functioning; replace battery (see REPLACEMENT PARTS LIST).

Be sure to unplug the charger and test the battery energy again before operating the lifter (see BATTERY TEST preceding).

## **POWER LOSS WARNING BUZZER TEST**

The <u>power loss warning buzzer</u> is powered by an independent battery, which can be tested while the lifter is not running or attached to a load: Press the <u>battery test button</u> as shown and listen for the alarm. If the alarm does not sound, the battery must be replaced. Press the <u>power loss warning battery holder</u> inward, causing it to release, and slide the battery tray out as shown. Install a new 9-volt battery according to the polarity markings and retest the warning buzzer.





<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>24</sup> Any external power supply must conform to all applicable local codes. *Caution: Do not operate the lifter while the charger is connected to an AC power source*, since this could result in permanent damage to the charger.

The charger is designed to automatically sense the energy level of the battery and reduce the charging rate when the battery is fully charged. Accordingly, the charger does not need to be unplugged until the lifter is going to be used again.

#### VACUUM PAD MAINTENANCE

#### **Pad to Load Friction Coefficient**

The friction coefficient represents the lifter's ability to resist load slippage (Note: Flat lifters are exempt). The Maximum Load Capacity assumes a friction coefficient of 1.0 (see SPECIFICATIONS). This rating is based on testing of clean, new, standard rubber vacuum pads on clean, dry, regular glass. If the lifter is used under other conditions, a qualified person must first determine the effective lifting capacity.

Exposure to heat, UV light or chemicals can cause vacuum pads to deteriorate. Standard rubber pads should be replaced on a regular basis (at least every 2 years), to prevent deterioration of the friction coefficient.

### **Pad Inspection**

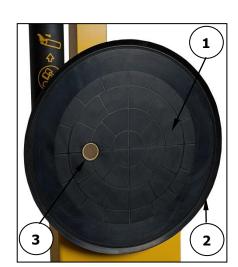
Inspect each <u>vacuum pad</u> for the following deficiencies routinely (see preceding INSPECTION and TESTING SCHEDULES), and correct them before using the lifter.

- Contaminates on the pad face (1) or sealing edges (2) (see Pad Cleaning discussion to follow).
- Filter screen (3) missing from pad face (see REPLACEMENT PARTS LIST).
- Nicks, cuts or abrasions in sealing edges of vacuum pad (see REPLACEMENT PARTS LIST).<sup>26</sup>



Replace vacuum pad if sealing edge has any nicks, cuts or abrasions.

 Wear, stiffness or glaze of vacuum pad (see REPLACEMENT PARTS LIST).



## **Pad Cleaning**

1) Regularly clean the face of each <u>vacuum pad</u> as shown, to remove oil, dust and any other contaminates. Acceptable cleaning agents include soapy water and other mild cleansers.



Never use solvents, gasoline or other harsh chemicals to clean vacuum pad.

Solvents, petroleum-based products (including kerosene, gasoline and diesel fuel) or any harsh chemicals can damage vacuum pads.



# Never use unauthorized rubber conditioners on vacuum pad.

Most rubber conditioners, such as ArmorAll®, can leave a hazardous film on vacuum pads, which could compromise lifting capacity and/or create a hazard to the operator or others.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>26</sup> If the lifter is equipped with VPFS10T or VPFS625 pads, the sealing edge is the replaceable sealing ring. When it is damaged, see To Replace Sealing Ring Insert in Vacuum Pad to follow.

- 2) Make sure to prevent liquid from contaminating the vacuum system through the suction hole on the pad face.
- 3) Use a clean sponge or lint-free cloth to apply an authorized cleanser and wipe the pad face clean.<sup>27</sup>
- 4) Allow the pad to dry completely before using the lifter.

## **VACUUM TEST**

Test the vacuum system for leakage routinely (see preceding Inspection and Testing Schedules).

- 1) Clean the face of each vacuum pad (see Vacuum Pad Maintenance: Pad Cleaning).
- 2) Use a test load with a weight equal to the Maximum Load Capacity (see SPECIFICATIONS) and a clean, smooth, nonporous surface, as well as other appropriate LOAD CHARACTERISTICS (see INTENDED USE).<sup>28</sup>
- 3) Apply the lifter to the test load as previously directed (see OPERATION: To APPLY THE PADS TO A LOAD). After the <u>vacuum pump</u> stops running, the vacuum level should register above 16" Hg [-54 kPa] on each of the <u>vacuum gauges</u> (if not, see DIGITAL VACUUM SWITCH ADJUSTMENT in *SERVICE MANUAL* for details).
- 4) Raise the load a minimal distance, to make sure that the vacuum pads are loaded to capacity, and place the lifter's <u>power switch</u> in the OFF  $(\bigcirc)$  position.
- 5) Monitor the vacuum gauges: *The vacuum level should not decrease by more than 4" Hg [-14 kPa] in 5 minutes.*



Never use a lifter that has failed the VACUUM TEST.

Correct any deficiency in the vacuum system before using the lifter.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>27</sup> A toothbrush (or similar brush with bristles *that do not harm rubber*) may be used to remove contaminates clinging to sealing edges. If these cleaning methods are not successful, contact Wood's Powr-Grip or an authorized dealer for assistance.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>28</sup> The load surface should be flat or possess no more curvature than the lifter is designed for (if any).

## **REMOTE CONTROL SYSTEM TEST**

If the lifter is equipped with a Remote Control System, perform this test in the environment where the lifter is normally employed. Use the <u>radio transmitter</u> to activate each of the remote functions.<sup>29</sup> Vary the location and distance of the transmitter in relation to the lifter, to ensure that transmissions are effective in a variety of circumstances.<sup>30</sup>

If the Remote Control System does not function correctly, ...

- The battery for the radio transmitter may need to be replaced.
- Metal or other electrically conductive surfaces may be causing interference between the radio transmitter and <u>radio receiver</u>. Reposition the transmitter as necessary to transmit signals effectively.

If the problem persists, repeat the test under different conditions, to determine whether there is transmission interference in the work environment or the Remote Control System is not functioning as intended. Correct any deficiency before resuming normal use of the Remote Control System.

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>29</sup> Use a test material with appropriate surface characteristics (see INTENDED USE: LOAD CHARACTERISTICS) to test the apply and release functions.

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>30</sup> This may require assistance from someone near the lifter, to verify that functions are being performed as intended.

# **REPLACEMENT PARTS LIST**

Stock No.	Description	Qty.
65211	Check Valve - 1/8 NPT	2
64716	Battery Charger - 0.8 Amp - 240 V AC - Australian Type	1
64715	Battery Charger - 0.8 Amp - 240 V AC	1
64714	Battery Charger - 0.8 Amp - 100 / 120 V AC	1
64664	Battery - 12 V DC - 7 Amp-Hours	1
59086	Battery Connector - Twin Lead	1
49646T	Vacuum Pad - Model G3370 / 11" [28 cm] Diameter - Lipped	4
49643T	Vacuum Pad - Model G3370 / 11" [28 cm] Diameter - Lipped - Low-Marking (option)	4
49605T	Vacuum Pad - Model HV11 / 10" [25 cm] Diameter - Lipped	4
49506TA	Vacuum Pad - Model VPFS9 / 9" [23 cm] Diameter	4
36100	Service Manual - 12 V DC - 2.5 SCFM - Dual Vacuum System	1
29353	Pad Cover	4
16131	Element for Air Filter	2
15632	#60 Pad Filter Screen - Small (for VPFS9 pad)	4
15630	#60 Pad Filter Screen - Large (for G3370 & HV11 pads)	4

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## LIMITED WARRANTY

Powr-Grip products are carefully constructed, thoroughly inspected at various stages of production, and individually tested. They are warranted to be free from defects in workmanship and materials for a period of one year from the date of purchase.

If a problem develops during the warranty period, follow the instructions hereafter to obtain warranty service. If inspection shows that the problem is due to defective workmanship or materials, Powr-Grip will repair the product without charge.

#### **WARRANTY DOES NOT APPLY WHEN:**

Modifications have been made to the product after leaving the factory.

Rubber portions have been cut or scratched during use.

Repairs are required due to abnormal wear and tear.

The product has been damaged, misused, or neglected.

If a problem is not covered under warranty, Powr-Grip will notify the customer of costs prior to repair. If the customer agrees to pay all repair costs and to receive the repaired product on a C.O.D. basis, Powr-Grip then will proceed with repairs.

#### TO OBTAIN REPAIRS OR WARRANTY SERVICE

For purchases in *North America*:

Contact the Technical Service Department at Wood's Powr-Grip Co. When factory service is required, ship the complete product—prepaid—along with your name, address and phone number to the street address hereafter.

For purchases in *all other localities*:

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